



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: KALAMA FALLS HATCHERY MODROW TRAP UPGRADE & REPAIR

Description of Proposal:

The Modrow Trap is operated to collect fall Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and summer steelhead for use as broodstock in the Kalama Falls hatchery programs. The proposed upgrades include an expanded trap with concentration flow to increase fish attraction, increased holding capacity, a new automatic crowder system, a fish pescalator to move fish from the trap to a new elevated sorting platform, and fish sorting tubes. The existing footprint and structure was used as the basis for the design in an effort to work within the space limitations of the site, to minimize in-river work for the upgrade, and to minimize cost. Because bank failure would alter the hydraulic conditions of the upgraded trap and thus result in the trap not operating as designed, bank modifications and stabilization are included as part of the proposed project.

The size of the existing trap is 720 sf; the proposal would increase the trap size to 1,295 sf. The total project area is expected to be approximately 8,000 sf. This area includes a coffer cell area (approximately 3,500 sf) that will be used for trap construction and bank stabilization, and the upland project area (approximately 4,500 sf).

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 161 Modrow Trap Rd, Kalama, Washington, 98625, Cowlitz County; Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 7N, North, Range 1 West WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of

the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **November 29, 2011**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: November 14, 2011

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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